OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Jan. 31, 1945

January 31, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, Mc-Kim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Absent—Com. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Mrs. Lillian E. Johns expressing her appreciation of a Christmas plant sent to her.

Received and placed on file.

Clifford W. McKibbin in a communication to the Board made proposals regarding and exchange of park land for land owned by Louis J. Boichot on Turner St.

The proposition was referred to the Committee on Parks.

Herbert G. Cooper, Realtor, addressed a communication to the Board relative to purchasing a parcel of property located in Section 29, Lansing township, which was referred to the Committee on Parks.

A letter was received from the W. H. Anderson Co., of Detroit, relative to a Worthington Air Compressor which he was in a position to show to members of the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.

109 W. Main Street, Lansing, Michigan, December 8, 1944.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan Sing

I have had the privilege of discussing with your Superintendent, Mr. H. Lee Bancroft and Mr. William A. Ruble, Vice President of the Central Trust Company, my agents, the proposed exchange of properties with the General Motors Corporation and your plans for the development of a park and playground on the new property. It is my understanding that this will replace the present Children's Playground.

I appreciate the recognition of my interest in this matter and the consideration of public need which prompted our gift to the city.

I have discussed the proposal with my family and in our opinion your plan is in keeping with the spirit of the original gift and would more advantageously serve the public.

Yours very truly,

GERTRUDE E. SCOTT.

January 22, 1945.

City of Lansing, Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners.

Attention: Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Supt of

Gentlemen:

This refers to resolution passed by your Board on December 27, 1945, approving the request of General Motors Corporation, Oldsmobile Division, for the transfer of "Children's Playground" property, otherwise known as Scott field (designated on attached map as Plot "A") for an equivalent acreage south of Main Street and east of Townsend Street (designated on attached map as Plot "B" and Plot "C").

The subject resolution contains certain provisions to which reply is made as follows:

Item 1. In addition to the consideration of acreage transfer, General Motors Cor-

poration proposes to pay to the City of Lansing the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the expense of removal of existing playground buildings and equipment to other location.

Item 2. Further, an easement will be reserved by the City of Lansing along the East side of the Playground property fronting on Grand River for use as a "planting strip". This proposed easement is designated on attached map as Plot "D".

Item 3. Further, an easement will be reserved by the City of Lansing along the North side of the playground property for street and planting purposes, said easement to be located at the foot of Townsend Street on Elm Street approximately 42½ feet North and South by 82½ feet East and West (designated on attached map as Plot "E").

Item 4. Further possession and use of Playground property (designated as Plot "A") will be granted to the City of Lansing by General Motors Corporation until May 1, 1946, or until an earlier date agreeable to the City of Lansing.

General: The reservation of the easements referred to in Items two and three shall provide for their automatic termination when the premises subject to the easements cease to be so used.

This proposal is conditioned upon the ability of the City to convey a marketable title to General Motors Corporation to Plot "A" and also conditioned upon the ability of General Motors Corporation to obtain and convey a marketable title to Plots "B" and "C" to the City. If marketable titles to any of such Plots cannot be obtained, the entire transaction is to be cancelled without liability to either General Motors Corporation or the City of Lansing.

It is understood that in the event the transfer is consummated, Plot "B" will be accepted by the City subject to the right of O. A. Jenison, the present title-holder, to retain possession of such Plot during his lifetime without the payment of rent.

It is further agreed that the conveyance of Plot "A" will be joined in by Gertrude E. Scott, widow of Richard H. Scott, and by the heirs at law of Richard

H. Scott, as well as any devisees under the last will and testament of Richard H. Scott to whom the reversionary right in such Plot may have been devised. Such deed will contain a recital stating that the additional parties joint in the execution of the deed for the purpose of evidencing their consent to the conveyance of the property by the City of Lansing to General Motors Corporation and for the further purpose of releasing the conditions and the reversion contained in the deed dated February 11, 1929 from Richard H. Scott and Gertrude E. Scott, his wife, to the City of Lansing.

Kindly advise us of the action of your Board in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. E. GRIFFIN, Production Manager, General Motors Corporation, Oldsmobile Division.

MR. CHARLES T. MURPHY MR. HARRY A. WOOTON MR. ERNEST D. GIBBS.

January 29, 1945.

City of Lansing, Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners.

Attention: Mr. H. Lee Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letters of January 26 on the subject of the transfer of the Children's Playground property known as Scott Field.

In your letter of January 22 under Item 4 request was made for the General Motors Corporation to take possession and use of the Playground property by May 1, 1946. You express compliance if this is possible but request permission to retain the northern half of the property until October 1, 1946 in the event that the transfer of the Playground activity is not made possible on the earlier date.

This understanding is agreeable to the General Motors Corporation, it being definitely understood that possession will be given on the southern half of the property on May 1, 1946.

In another letter of the same date you outline in detail the equipment now on this property which you understand can be transferred to your new location; also our cooperation in assisting you in making the application to the War Production Board and War Labor Board in arranging for the removal of the equipment and the rebuilding of the Playground Building in the new location.

We are in agreement with the detail covered in this letter.

Yours very truly,

R. E. GRIFFIN,

Production Manager.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Forestry Committee recommends that purchase of shade trees for the City Nursery be made immediately to insure spring delivery of trees to restock the nursery while stock is available.

S. DEWITT RATHBUN, WM. T. GATES. By Com. Rathbun-

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun-

That this Board advise the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council of its desire for the advance approval of a budget item of \$2,500.00, same to be used for the immediate purchase of approximately 800 trees to re-stock the shade tree nursery.

Carried.

The Park Committee to whom was referred the offer of Mr. Putnam to sell about an acre and a half of land on the west side of Mifflin Street, south of Harton Avenue, report as follows:

That after a careful check of the property, the land in question should prove of more interest to the County in the development of the County Park at Harton and Mifflin Street and it is suggested that the matter be referred to the County Road Commission for their consideration.

CHARLES T. MURPHY, ROBERT A. McKIM, HARRY A. WOOTON.

By Com. Murphy-

That the report be adopted and the Superintendent requested to communicate with the County Road Commission in regard to the property.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. Lee Bancroft Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on finances of the cemeteries, parks and playgrounds and on the department in general.

RESOLUTION

By Com. Murphy— (Supported by Com. Rathbun)

At the request of General Motors Corporation, the Cemetery and Park Board have had under consideration the transfer of the remaining acreage in the 'Children's Playground' to the Oldsmobile Division of that corporation for their future expansion in exchange for properties of similar acreage which in the opinion and judgment of the Board are better suited and more desirable as park properties.

The 'Children's Playground' was given to the City by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Scott on February 11, 1929 and developed with their aid and approval. In 1937 the General Motors Corporation offered to purchase a part of the 'Children's Play-ground' by an exchange of properties and money, at which time Mr. Scott was living and took an active part in the discussion and transfer of properties. This proposal was approved by the Board and the City Council, presented at the April election and passed on favorably by the electorate. The proposition now being considered was contemplated at that time and deferred because of the expense entailed.

General Motors has now agreed to purchase these properties which include the Barnes estate with frontage on Main Street at the foot of Capitol Avenue, the land just south of Cooley Garden on Townsend Street and the Jenison home and land to the south which adjoins the City property and acreage east of Townsend Street and north of Elm Street.

In addition, the Board has asked and General Motors has agreed to an easement giving the City control and use of the whole river frontage along the 'Children's Playground'.

The Board has asked and General Motors agreed to an easement at the foot of Townsend Street on the 'Children's Playground' to be used for planting purposes.

The Board has asked and General Motors agreed to allow the transfer of the building and playground equipment to the new property up to May 1, 1946 and will allow additional time on the north half of the property on which the building is located.

The Board has asked and General Motors has agreed to a cash payment to the City to provide for the transfer of building and equipment in the sum of \$20,000.00.

Appreciating the need and desirability of providing for the future expansion of the Oldsmobile plant in Lansing and having in mind the (1) expressed approval of Mr. Scott and the written approval of Mrs. Scott, (2) the conditions and restrictions of the deed given by Mr. and Mrs. Scott to the City, (3) the pattern for such a transfer of properties which was approved by Mr. and Mrs. Scott in the original transfer of cash and properties, (4) the exercise of the trust placed in the Board by the donors of property for public use and (5) the interests of the public and the community need,—

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That for the reasons set forth, the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners endorse and recommend to the City Council the mutual transfer of properties as outlined above with General Motors.

The descriptions of properties to be transferred, with easements, Resolution of the Cemetery and Park Board of December 27, 1944, map and approval of General Motors and approval of the Board are hereby attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Carried.

By Com. Murphy-

That the Superintendent be requested to communicate with the City Planning Commission and ask for their endorsement of the transfer of properties between the City and General Motors.

Carried.

By Com. Wooton-

That the Council be requested to ask the City Planning Commission tor the rezoning of the following described property from Park zoning to H—Light Industrial:

"A parcel of land 90.5 feet in width by 339.91 feet in length on the Lansing Manufacturers Railroad right of way commencing at a point on the Lansing Manufacturers Railroad right of way 562.67 feet west of the southwest corner of Stanley Street and Osborn Road, thence northerly along the right of way 339.91 feet, thence east 90.5 feet, thence southerly paralleling the Lansing Manufacturers Railroad right of way 339.91 feet, thence west 90.5 feet to point of beginning."

Carried.

By Com. Murphy-

That the Superintendent be requested to purchase the land described as

"The east 100 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 5 Assessors Plat No. 27" subject to the City Attorney's approval of abstract and Tax History, for the sum of \$500.00 and that same be charged to Park Property Purchase Fund 2D17, as authorized by the City Council on January 15, 1945.

Carried.

By Com. Wooton-

That the Board authorize Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director, to attend the New York City meeting of the American Soft Ball Association and the Superintendent is hereby authorized to draw a voucher in the amount of \$50.00 to help defray expense of trip, and charge to the Recreation Special account.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Feb. 14, 1945

February 14, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, Mc-Kim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Absent—Com. Gates.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Cemeteries reported that a meeting had been held with a committee from the Jewish congregation in regard to a burial space at Mt. Hope Cemetery and submitted a plan for their consideration. The committee will report further development.

Recreation propositions for the Third Ward area were referred to the Committee on Recreation.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board, which were considered.

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby instructed to purchase the following amounts of Series G United States Bonds for the following accounts:

\$ 500.00 for the Mt. Hope Perpetual Care 2,000.00 for the Evergreen Perpetual Care

1,000.00 for the Evergreen Special Care 3,000.00 for Mt. Hope Operating Account 6,000.00 for Evergreen Operating Account

\$12,500.00

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Mar. 14, 1945

March 14, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Bates, Klock, Hewes, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.

Absent-None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Thomas O'Brien and family expressed appreciation for an expression of sympathy from the Board at the time of the death of Mrs. O'Brien's mother.

Placed on file.

Mr. Edwin A. Mackey, Chairman of Lansing Commander Hospitaler Circus, asked for the loan or rental of bleacher seats for the week March 20 through 25th,

By Com. McKim-

That the request be granted, under supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

Carried.

A letter was received from Flossie L. Kane, Superintendent of Maple Grove School in which appreciation for the assistance of Ward Cameron in connection with delinquent juveniles.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the C. A. Ferguson Realty Company offering to trade land adjoining Marion Reasoner Park for land owned by the Park Department on Morris Street.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director, filed a detailed report on finances and activities of the Lincoln Recreation Center, together with recommendations for the next fiscal year.

Placed on file.

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board, including finances and building plans for post-war work.

Bertha Ray, City Clerk, reported that the request of the Board for rezoning certain property in the vicinity of the Manufacturers Railroad from Park Loning to "H" Light Industrial District, had been approved by the Plan Commission and that the City Council had set March 26, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock, as the time for holding a hearing on said rezoning.

The City Clerk also reported that the purchase of the east 100 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 5, Assessors Plat No. 27, had been completed.

Received and placed on file.

The Budget for the Cemetery and Park Department for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1945, was considered by the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. ---

That the propsed Budget as adjusted be presented to the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council by the Finance Committee of the Board with power to act. Carried.

The Board adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 11, 1945

April 11, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the president, Com. VanNote.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Klock, Hewes, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—8.

Absent-None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from S. E. Skinner, General Manager of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation, thanking the Board for the fine support given by the members of the Board in the recent exchange of park properties.

Otto E. Eckert, General Manager of the start and Electric Light Department, expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the park department, particularly Mr. C. W. Cameron, in apprehending a group of boys who were destroying street lighting globes.

Placed on file.

A letter was received from Clarence A. Neitz, Scout Executive, expressing appreciation for the assistance given by Mrs. Pearl Ryerse to the Den mothers at the Recreation Center.

Received and, placed on file.

W. W. Summers and Helen E. Summers asked permission to move the remains of their son from Mt. Hope Cemetery to Evergreen Cemetery. By Com. Gates-

That the request be granted.

A communication was received from J. G. Reutter offering to sell a parcel of land lying between Saginaw and Maryland Streefs for the sum of \$1,200.00.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

A letter was received from George Graham, Drain Commissioner for Ingham County, relative to right of way for drain, which was received and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Parks recommends that the property described as

"Commencing one hundred four (104) feet east of Maryland Avenue on the north line of Saginaw Street, thence north one hundred twenty-two (122) feet; East ninety-five (95) feet, thence south to the north line of Saginaw Stret, thence to the beginning"

be purchased from Earl J. Smith as offered to the City by J. Gottlieb Reutter and that the Council be and is hereby requested to authorize the purchase of the above described land by the Board subject to use of the property until April 1, 1946, and the furnishing of a deed, tax history and abstract acceptable to the City Attorney.

The cost of \$1,200.00 to be paid from Park Budget item 2-D-17.

CHARLES T. MURPHY, HARRY A. WOOTON, •ROBERT A. McKIM.

By Com. Murphy-

That the report of the Committee be

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adopted and the Resolution referred to the City Council.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board relative to parks, cemeteries and recreation.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to purchase Series G War Bonds in the following amounts:

Evergreen Cemetery
Perpetual Care \$2,000.00

Evergreen Cemetery
Special Care 500.00

Mt. Hope Cemetery
Perpetual Care 500.00

Carried .

By Com. Wooton-

That the Board hereby approves the purchase of a land contract (guaranteed by the City) with Berneice Hoffman in the amount of \$2,969.93, with interest at 6%, from the Fire Department Reserve Fund for investment of funds from the Frances Park Special Fund.

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun-

That the concession at Potter Park be rented to the Borden Ice Cream Co. for the 1945 season for the sum of \$100.00. Carried.

By Com. Rathbun-

That Supt. Bancroft write to the Heatherwood Home Owners Assn. in reply to their inquiries regarding the present status of the proposed neighborhood park in their vicinity.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

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be sent to the Purdue Training School to be held on May 22, 23 and 24, 1945, with expenses paid.

Carried.

By Com. Smith-

That Lt. Arthur Curtis of the Detective Bureau be authorized to attend the Purdue Training School for the course in arson detecting.

Carried.

By Com. Hunter-

That the President and Clerk of this Board be instructed to sign the contracts for fire apparatus which the Committee on Automobile and Apparatus recommended be purchased.

Carried.

By Com. Smith-

That the reward money and checks now

in the hands of the Chief of Police and any money he may receive in the future as rewards be credited to the Police Benefit Fund.

Carried.

The subject of promotion in Detective Bureau was referred to the Committee on Men and Discipline.

GENERAL ORDER

The following claims against the Police Department were allowed by the following vote: Yeas—8; Nays—0.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co\$	102.11
Firestone Department Store	11.44
Whitmore Auto Electric	4.18
Western Union Co.	1.76
Central Steeplejacks	15.97
Allen Printing Co.	11.25
The Board adjourned	

BERTHA RAY City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 10, 1945

May 10, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, Klock, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.
Absent—Com. McKim.—1.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Com. Wooton—
That Com. Gibbs be elected President of the Board.

Adopted unanimously.

By Com. Gates-

That Com. McKim be elected Vice-President of the Board.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. H. Lee Bancroft was appointed City Forester and Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from the family of Marie Glogofsky expressing appreciation for sympathy expressed at the time of her death. A communication was received from the C. A. Ferguson Realty Company relative to exchanging certain land in the Turner Smith Subdivision for land owned by the City in the same subdivision.

Placed on file.

A letter was received from Jerry Bosworth of Grand Haven relative to his visit to the Potter Park Zoo.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, gave a report on all the activities of the department in detail, reviewed tentative Post-War Projects and plans for improvements to parks, cemeteries and other subjects of interest to the Board.

Mr. Bancroft submitted a plan for quarters for the department in the proposed new City Hall building.

The Board approved the plans as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase

1—Series G. U.S. Bond for Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund ...\$1,000.00

1-Series G, U.S. Bond for Evergreen Perpetual Care Fund ...\$1,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Murphy-

At the request of the City Council of the City of Lansing the Michigan State Land Board deeded to the City, Block 6 of Turner-Smith Subdivision to be used for municipal purposes.

The Michigan Sugar Company is the owner of Lots 5 to 12, inclusive, of Turner-Smith Subdivision of the City of Lansing.

The Ferguson Real Estate Company, representing their client, is desirous of acquir-

ing Block 6 of Turner-Smith Subdivision from the City and the Park Board has recommended that Lots 5 to 12 be acquired and offered in exchange for Block 6, as Lots 5 to 12 are better located and directly adjoin Reasoner Park.

Both properties are approximately two acres in area.

The Michigan Sugar Company has indicated its consent to option providing the land becomes City Park property and the Ferguson Company has expressed its interest in purchasing the same to effect the exchange of properties.

Be it Therefor Resolved: That the Superintendent be instructed to address the State Land Board and ask for an expression in writing of their consent to an exchange of properties and if granted to request the Council to pass the necessary resolution to dispose of Block 6, Turner-Smith Subdivision, and empower the Mayor and Clerk through the City Attorney to execute a deed in the name of the City of Lansing, transferring title back to the State Land Board, to effect the necessary exchange.

Carried.

By Com. Murphy--

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to submit a voucher to the City Council in the sum of \$1,200.00, to be charged to Park B-17 account, for the purchase from Earl J. Smith of property described as—

"Commencing 104 feet east of Maryland Avenue on the north line of East Saginaw Street, thence north 122 feet, east 95 feet, thence south to the north line of Saginaw Street, thence west to the point of beginning,"

as authorized by the City Council April 23, 1945, and subject to the approval by the City Attorney of the deed, abstract and tax history.

It is understood and agreed that the owner is to give possession on or before April 1, 1946, and that the present buildings are to be moved off the property prior to that "cate" or become the property of the City.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 13, 1945

June 13, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.

Absent—Com. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following standing commit-

AUDITING-Hewes, Klock, Murphy

BUILDING-McKim, Murphy, Hewes

CEMETERY-Gates, McKim, Klock

FINANCE-Wooton, Rathbun, Hewes

FORESTRY-Rathbun, Gates, Klock

PARKS-Murphy, Wooton, McKim

PUBLICITY-Rathbun, Klock, Murphy

RECREATION-Wooton, Gates, Rathbun

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Andrew A. Santanen, Boys' Program Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., relative to Morrison Ryder being sent to Mystic Lake Camp with boys from Lincoln Community Center.

By Com. Wooton-

That the request be referred to the Recreation Committee with power to act.

Carried.

A communication was received from Frank Avery of the All-American Girls' Professional Ball League inviting the Board to witness games at Grand Rapids on June 17, 1945.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from the Advance Realty Company stating that a parcel of land adjoining Red Cedar Golf Course could be purchased at a price of \$1,400.00.

Referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

G. F. Ritchey, Athletic Director for Sexton High School, thanked the Board for permission to use baseball fields this year.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Gerald E. Mallory, Executive Secretary of the State Land Office regarding the exchange of certain lots in Turner Smith's Subdivision.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Paul G. Eger, City Attorney, relative to the Estate of Joseph Beck, which is now closed.

Placed on file together with a copy of the will of Joseph Beck.

Barbara J. Gutzki, Secretary for Fort Custer Military Service Club, asked permission to use silver ball and four spot lights now housed at Prudden Auditorium for a benefit dance to be held in Prudden Auditorium on June 20, 1945. By Com. Wooton-

That the request be granted. Carried.

The Building Committee of the Park Board recommends the acceptance of plans and specifications for the following postwar building plans:

- Oak Park Shop, Garage and Storage Building No. 33-C-39-12 by Clark Ackley
- 2. Sycamore Grand Stand No. 33-C-39-15 by Kenneth Black
- Sycamore Skate House, Rest House and Team Rooms No. 33-C-39-15 by Herrick and Simpson
- 4. Groesbeck Starter and Club House No. 33-C-39-11
- Stabler Playground Building No. 33-C-39-17 by Herrick and Simpson
- Skate House No. 33-C-39-17 by Herrick and Simpson
- 7. Comstock Swimming Pool No. 39-C-39-10 by Wesley Bintz
- 8. Municipal Stadium No. 33-C-39-18 by Kenneth Black

It is understood that plans and specifications are subject to change, addition or alteration.

> ROBERT A. McKIM, CHARLES T. MURPHY, KENNETH HEWES.

By Com. McKim-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on cemetery finances and on park and receration matters.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase—

Series G, U. S. Bond for Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund.....\$ 500.00

Series G. U. S. Bond for Evergreen Perpetual Care Fund..... 1,000.00

Series G, U. S. Bond for Evergreen Special Care Fund....... 500.00

\$2,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Wooton-

That the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners be requested to detail Officer Benedict for services at playgrounds and parks during the school vacation.

Carried.

The Board adjourned, to hold the next regular meeting on July 1, 1945, at Grand Woods Camp.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 10, 1945

July 10, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs, who stated that Mayor Crego would preside at the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Klock, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Absent—Com. Murphy.—1.

Mayor Crego, wives of Board members, heads of the various division of the Park and Cemetery Department were also present, the anunal picnic having preceded the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The family of Glen K. Lynch expressed appreciation for sympathy conveyed to them by the Board at the time of his death.

Placed on file.

Yunker Memorials, Inc., asked for permission to place a reflecting pool with accompanying seats on the cemetery lot of Mr. and Mrs. Ard E. Richardson.

By Com. Rathbun-

That the request of the Yunker Memorials, Inc., be referred to the Committee on Cemetery with power to act.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Klock, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.
Nays—None.

Barbara J. Gutzki, Secretary of the Fort Custer Military Service Club, expressed appreciation for the use of spot lights and ball at the Prudden Auditorium for their dancing party.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Frank B. Avery, General Manager of the All-American Girls' Professional Ball League.

Placed on file.

A letter was received from Wesley Bintz giving a list of changes in the proposed swimming pool for Comstock Park which are necessary to meet the approval of the State Board of Health.

By Com. Gibbs-

That the communication be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Mc-Kini, Klock, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Nays—None.

July 10, 1945.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commission,

City of Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I have been authorized by the Homewood Development Company of Lansing, Michigan, to offer the following parcel to you for Park and recreational purposes for the sum of \$25,000.00:

Beginning at a point in the south line of Section 17, T. 4 N., R. 2 W., City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, 49.5 feet East of the S.W. corner of said Sections.

tion 17; thence, parallel with the west line of said Section 17, N. 0°20'W. 1848.7 feet to a point 792.0 feet south of the East and West ¼ line of said Section 17; thence, parallel with the East and West ¼ line S. 89°59'E. 615 feet; thence S. 0°20'E. 836.35 feet; thence on a curve convex to the southeast, whose radius is 716.78 feet and whose Long Chord bears S.47°18'35'W. 412.75 feet, a distance of 418.67 feet; thence S. 0°20'E. 781.66 feet to the south line of said Section 17; thence S. 89°53'W. 310.0 feet to the place of beginning, containing 20.181 acres, more or less.

The easterly 30 feet thereof, together with the west 30 feet of the premises adjoining on the east, beginning 500 feet south of the north line of the premises conveyed, is reserved for street purposes, said street to be opened when and, if the premises on the east are platted into lots and the plat accepted by the City, the expense of grading, graveling, curb, gutter and sewer to be shared equally between the property on the east and the City and if said share to be paid by said property on the east is not paid when due, said expense may be assessed and collected in the same manner as other special City taxes.

It is provided, however, that if the City desires to develop a street along the east side of the property prior to the platting of the abutting property, the owner agrees to the development of the street as outlined above and consents to the assessment of their half of the construction cost against their abutting property.

Yours very truly,

L. B. AYRES.

A communication was received from the Heatherwood Home Owners' Association approving the purchase by the City of a certain piece of land on the west side of the City for park purposes.

Placed on file.

By Com. Rathbun-

That the offer of L. B. Ayers to sell a certain parcel of land to the City for \$25.000.00 be referred to the City Council with a recommendation that the offer be accepted and the property purchased for park purposes.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Klock, Hewes, Rathbun, Wooton.—4. Nays—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, McKim.—3.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Park Committee recommends the purchase of land described as "Commencing at a point 33 feet west of the southwest corner of Block 1 of Moores, Church

and Scovill's Sub. of the S.W. ¼ of Sec. 13, T. 4 N., R. 2 W., running thence west 20 rods, thence south to the Cedar River, thence easterly along said Cedar River to a point 20 rods due east, thence north to place of beginning, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan," for the sum of \$1,400.00.

ERNEST D. GIBBS, ROBERT A. McKIM, HARRY A. WOOTON.

By Com. Wooton-

That the report of the Committee be adopted, and the Superintendent be instructed to request the City Council for authorization to purchase the property subject to the City Attorney's endorsement of suitable abstract and tax history.

Further, that the property be purchased from Park Fund 2D-17.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Klock, Hewes, McKim, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Nays—None.

The Park Committee recommends that the Council by resolution request the State Land Board for property in the City of Lansing described as:

"Entire Block 4 of Subdivision 1 of Riverside Homes Company Subdivision"

for park purposes.

ERNEST D. GIBBS, ROBERT A. McKIM, HARRY A. WOOTON.

By Com. McKim-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized and requested to purchase Series G. U. S. Bonds, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—\$500.00.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, Klock, McKim, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.
Nays—None.

The Board adjourned.

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Aug. 8, 1945

August 8, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7.

Absent—Com. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Clifford W. McKibbin enclosing an option given him by George Banghart and wife covering properties lying west of East Street and north of Gier Street and also an offer of purchase covering the same property from Boichot Concrete Products Corporation.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

The Walter Neller Company offered to sell the City Lot 118 of Assessor's Plat No. 3 for the sum of \$5,250.00.

Referred to the Committee on Parks.

The Industrial Welding & Brazing, Inc., offered to purchase from the city Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 at the corner of Olds Avenue and Buffalo Street for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Referred to the Park Committee.

A committee of residents from the Fourth Ward were present and discussed the location of the proposed swimming pool for Comstock Park with suggestions as to the location they favored.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Hewes, Chairman of the Committee on Auditing, submitted a detailed report on the properties and assets of the Cemetery and Park Department, including the valuation of all property under the Board's jurisdiction.

By Com. Wooton-

That Com. Hewes be commended for the fine and comprehensive report made by him.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supt. Bancroft gave a report on finances of the department and on the activities of the park and recreation department and on various subjects of interest to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series G, United States Bond for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund \$500.00 Series G, United States Bond for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund 1,000.00 Series G, United States Bond for Evergreen Cemetery Special Care Fund 500.00

\$2,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Murphy-

That the Board recommend to the City Council the purchase of Lot 118, Assessor's Plat No. 3 and request the authorization be granted to purchase same subject to the approval of the abstract and tax history by the City Attorney, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant in the sum of \$5,250.00, and charge the Park Budget Account 2D-125.

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

Board of Cemetery and Park

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Commissioners

Proceedings Sept. 19, 1945

September 19, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. E. D. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gibbs, Gates, Hewes, Mc-Kim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton.—7. Absent—Com. Klock.—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A petition for a children's playground on the green at the southeast corner of Kalamazoo and River Streets was referred to the Board by the City Council, and referred to the Park Committee.

A letter was received from Ald. Hungerford relative to a fence along the Grand River south of the Kalamazo Street bridge, which was referred to the Park Committee.

A communication was received from the Michigan Sugar Company offering to exchange Lots 5 to 12 of Turner and Smith's Subdivision lying along the east side of Seager Street and a portion of Lot 4 for property now owned by the City described as "Entire Block 6 of Turner and Smith's Subdivision of part of the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Town 4 North, Range 2 West," which was referred to the Park Committee.

A recommendation was received from the City Plan Commission that the Board purchase all that part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Paynter's Heights Subdivision lying between East Street and Larch Street and develop it as a public parkway to beautify the northern approach to the City.

Referred to the Park Committee.

A communication was received from Robert Baker relative to buying or leasing a parcel of land lying near Sycamore Golf Course, which was referred to the Park Committee.

The Department of Conservation notified the Board that hereafter the Sycamore Creek inside the City Limits would be excluded from list of water open to taking minnows for commercial purposes.

Placed on file.

The following bids were received for Lot 8, Taylor's Riverview Subdivision: Cora M. Scott, \$200.00; Chas. E. Gutzki, \$280.00.

By Com. Murphy-

That this Board approve the acceptance of the offer of Chas. E. Gutzki of \$280.00 for Lot 8, Taylor's Riverview Subdivision and recommend to the City Council the sale of said lot,

Carried.

A communication was received from Clifford W. McKibbin relative to the sale of property on Turner Street to Louis J Boichot and the purchase by the City of other property in the vicinity.

By Com. Murphy-

That the proposition be referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

September 18, 1945.

The Park Committee, to whom was referred the bid of the Industrial Welding & Brazing Company, for Olds Avenue property for \$2,000, recommends favorable con

sideration of the offer when and if property of comparable value and more desirable for park use can be purchased and offered in trade.

> CHARLES T. MURPHY, HARRY A. WOOTON, ROBERT A. McKIM,

By Com. Murphy-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

September 19, 1945.

The Cemetery Committee recommends hat proper forms be sent to Russell Shearer and Mrs. Amos Parker authorizing the vault removal of their sister Virginia from Subdivision 7, to Subdivision on Lot 23, Section T, at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

That permission to make removal on the ot be requested from the blood heirs of oseph Beck as owners of the lot.

That subject to permission and authoriztion as noted above the Superintendent be uthorized to make arrangements for the ransfer and the placing of a new marker oundation on Subdivision 7 and the reetting of the marker.

> WM. T. GATES, ROBERT A. McKIM, Cemetery Committee.

Com. Gates-

That the report of the Committee be lopted.

Carried.

September 19, 1945.

The Committee on Parks reports as folws:

That the offer of the Michigan Sugar mpany to exchange property described I ots 5 to 12 and a portion (to be deterned) of Lot 4, of Turner and Smith's bdivision of Lot 6 of Townsend's Sub. NW¼ of Section 9, T4N, R2W, in the y of Lansing, (the property now under se to the U. S. Government for emergacy housing), for property now held by City of Lansing described as "Entire ck 6 of Turner and Smith's Sub. of t of the NE¼ of Section 9, T4N, R2W, y of Lansing," be and is hereby red to the City Council with the endorsent of the Park and Cemetery Board and recommendation that the City Council

authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a quit claim deed of Block 6, of Turner and Smith's Sub. back to the State Land Board where an exchange of deeds will be effected with the Michigan Sugar Company, for the land they are offering in exchange.

By Com. Murphy-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

September 19, 1945.

By Com. Murphy-

That the Park and Cemetery Board requests the City Planning Commission to rezone the property described as:

"Commencing at the intersection of N. line of Section 9 with the W. line of Mich. U. Ry, right-of-way S. 431 ft., W. 105 ft., S. 94 ft., W. 421.3 ft. to E. line of Turner Street. N.W.'ly along Turner Street 409½ ft., E. parallel with Section line 202.6 ft., N. 164½ ft. to Section line, E. 553½ ft. to pt. of beginning on Section 9."

Also property described as Block 6 of Turner and Smith's Sub. of part of the N.E. quarter of Section 9, City of Lansing, all be re-zoned from Park Zoning to Light Industrial.

Carried.

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bond for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund— \$1,000.00.

Carried.

Mr. H. Lee Bancroft, Superintendent of Cemetery and Parks reported on finances of the Cemeteries, Golf Courses. Parks, etcetra, and also on other subjects concerning parks and playgrounds.

The subject of use of the "Ranney Property" was discussed and action deferred.

The Board adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 10, 1945

October 10, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was alled to order by the President, Com. E. D. ibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, lock, McKim, Murphy, Rathbun, Wooton. -8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Augusta G. Beck asked permission move a burial from Subdivision 7 to on Lot 23, Section T, in Mount Hope emetery.

The request was referred to the Commite on Cemeteries with power to act.

Carried.

Mr. J. S. Coven offered to purchase from ne City property at the northwest corner f Osband and Barnes Avenues.

Referred to the Park Committee with

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on parks, recreation plans and cemeteries.

Com. Hewes reported on the condition of the Jenison house which recently came into possession of the City.

The City Clerk reported on the disposition of matters which the Board had referred to the City Council and Plan Commission.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bond for Evergreen Cemetery perpetual Care \$1,500.00

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 14, 1945

November 14, 1945.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com.,

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Klock, Rathbun, Wooton.—6.
Absent—Coms. McKim, Murphy.—2.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from R. E. Griffin, Production Manager for the Oldsmobile asking if it would be possible to have full release of the property acquired from the park department, formerly Scott Playfield, together with Mr. Bancroft's report on the subject.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Lisle F. McNabb, Supt. of Public Parks of South Bend, relative to two lions which they offer in exchange.

Placed on file.

The Michigan Association of Cemeteries invited the Lansing department to join the association.

A copy of resolutions adopted by the Ingham County Victory expressing appreciation for co-operation in the Victory Garden Program by the Park Department.

Placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Cemetery Committee reports that

transfer has been completed on the Joseph Beck lot.

Also that the Richardson Fountain plans have been accepted.

WM. T. GATES, WM. KLOCK, ROBT. McKIM,

Committee.

By Com. Gates-

That the report of the committee be approved.

Carried.

The Park Committee recommends that the offer of Mr. Coven for the city property on the northwest corner of Barnes and Osband Avenues be rejected.

> HARRY A. WOOTON. ERNEST D. GIBBS.

By Com. Wooton-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on various subjects of interest to the Board, including finances, proposed projects under consideration, recreation plans, etc.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Wooton-

That Herbert Kipke, Recreation Director, be authorized to attend the 28th National Recreation Congress at Atlantic City January 28 and February 1, 1846.

Carried.

800.00

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "G" United States Bonds for Evergreen Perpetual Care Fund ______\$1,000.00

Series "G" United States Bond for Evergreen Special Care Fund 500.00

Series "G" United States Bonds for Mt. Hope Perpetual Care Fund

Total _____\$2,300.90

Carried.

By Com. Rathbun-

That the City Forester be authorized to make the following planting of shade trees:

Edison St., East of Pennsylvania—3
Hackberry trees

S. Clemens Ave., Elizabeth to Main-14 Hackberry

Jackson St.—37 Norway Maples

Pulaski St.—14 Norway Maples

Goodrich St.-19 Norway Maples

George St.-24 Norway Maples

Marion St.-57 Norway Maples

Woodbine St., west of Marion-16 Norway Maples

Kelsey, east of Logan St.—8 Norway Maples

Kelsey, west of Logan St.—41 Norway Maples

1400 block, Roselawn-4 Norway Maples

Total _____ 237

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 19, 1945

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Gates, Gibbs, Hewes, Mc-Kim, Rathbun, Wooton.—6. Absent—Coms. Klock, Murphy.—2.

COMMUNICATION

Card of thanks was received from Mrs. Pauline Johns and family.

Received and placed on file.

Card was received from Mrs. Ard E. Richardson and family.

Received and placed on file.

Wolverine Plastic Studio offers \$1,000.00 for parcel of land, Lot 6, Supervisors No. 1, located on Eilenberg Court.

Referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

Communication received from the National Recreation Association relative to the National Recreation Congress being held in New York City and asking Mr. Bancroft to serve as Summarizer at the Wednesday, January 30th, meeting.

Received and placed on file.

Communication from Paul Automotive Parts Company expressing interest in property owned by the City in the rear of 111 S. Cedar Street and would like to work out a rental or building program.

Referred to the Building Committee.

The Lincoln Community Center submits 1946 budget.

Received and placed on file.

Walter Neller Company offer \$200 net cash for Lot No. 5 of Howard Heights Subdivision.

Referred to Mr. Bancroft for further consideration.

Darin & Armstrongs, Inc., request approval of the Board for leasing a parcel of land located east of the Belt line Railroad and north of Oakland Avenue extended for storage of structural steel, used in the construction of buildings for Fisher Body Corporation.

Referred to the Superintendent to complete lease with approval of City Attorney and City Engineer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Com. Hewes, Auditing Committee, files written report in detail relative to Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries Delinquent Contracts.

Referred to Cemetery Committee and to report back at next meeting.

The Cemetery Committee recommends that the following price changes become effective January 1, 1946:

Foundations for markers be raised from 50c a cubic foot with a \$3.50 minimum charge to

70c a cubic foot for concrete with a \$5.00 minimum.

Foundations for monuments, 65c cubic foot.

It is further recommended that a charge of \$6.00 be made for the use of iron, steel, concrete, composition, slate or wood vault or box, effective January 1, 1946.

WM. T. GATES, ROBERT A. McKIM.

By Com. Gates-

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Com. Gibbs appointed Coms. Wooton and McKim to serve as Chairmen on Parks Committee during illness of Com. Murphy.

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on skating rinks, dances at Prudden Auditorium, Replat of two sections in Evergreen Cemetery and proposed Juvenile Center and other subjects of interest to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. McKim-

That the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners go on record endorsing the proposed plan, which is being studied by the Probate Judge, Board of Education, Police Department and Parks and Recreation Center, of establishing a Juvenile Center for unadjusted children.

Carried.

By Com. Gates-

That the Board accept the Replat of Sections "A" and "F" of Evergreen Cemetery as submitted by the Superintendent.

Carried.

By Com. Gates-

That the Board cancel the Perpetual Care Contract of B. Frank Schultz, deceased, drawn on May 29, 1935, in the principal sum of \$95.00 with balance of \$75.00 and interest, with the understanding that W. Ray Chase will take over and pay the principal sum of \$95.00.

Carried.

By Com. Gates-

That on and after January 1, 1946, that following charges shall be in effect at Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries:

Concrete for marker foundations—70c per cubic foot

Monument foundation-65c per cubic foot

Minimum charge for markers-\$5.00

Opening and closing adult grave	
4 feet or over	\$15.00
Charge for vault or rough box	6.00
Tent and device	5.00
Opening and closing child's grave	
(under 4 feet)	5.00
Trim only	1.00
Tent and trim	5.00
Removals—	
Adult out of cemetery	20.00
Adult removal and reinterment	35.00
Child out of cemetery	6.00
Child removal and reinterment	11.00
Steel vault charge digging and	
placing	6.00
Carried.	

By Com. Wooton-

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase—

Series	"G"	United	1 States	Bonds	
for	Ever	green	Ceneter	Per-	
petu	al Ca	re Fu	nd		900.00

Series	"G" United States Bonds	
	Evergreen Cemetery Spe-	
cial	Care Fund	300.00

S	eries	"G"	Unite	ed	States	Bonds
			Hope		emetery	Per-

200.00 \$1,400.00

Series "F" United States Bonds for Frances Park Special Fund \$7,000.00

Carried.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY, City Clerk.

December 19, 1945.